

much as one-fourth of the income. The leaves are always chewed. It is never brewed or made into a beverage. The flavor of the leaves is slightly sweetish and decidedly acid, not unlike the flavor of rose petals. It has the effect of stimulating nerve and brain cells. The gloomiest man becomes cheerful under its influence and the fatigued man, struggling with heavy loads, finds his muscles stronger and his nervous energy under better control. The novice who takes an overdose may show symptoms similar to those of a man intoxicated with whiskey.

AUSTRALIA, Brisbane. Mr. James Pink, August 1. Writes that the desert kumquat is *Atlantia glauca*. Says it is capable of great improvement by cultivation. Will send seed as soon as available.

TURKEY, Beirut. Mr. Alfred E. Day, July 29. Sends a package of pressed specimens of the *Trifolium* and *Medicago* of that region. Says that he thinks the most promising species for forage purposes are *T. clypeatum*, *T. meneghinianum* and *T. scutatum*.